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In re application of:

NAZARENKO *et al.*

Appl. No. 10/026,952

Filed: December 27, 2001

For: **Primers and Methods for the
Detection and Discrimination of
Nucleic Acids**

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Examiner: To be assigned

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution in the above identified matter and in compliance with the Response to Request for Corrected Official Filing Receipt, mailed on March 13, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."